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Delaware Main Street Offers Free Forum on Wireless Broadband Internet Service

Dover, Del. (June 6, 2007) – Delaware Main Street, a program of the Delaware Economic Development Office, will offer a free forum on wireless broadband Internet service on **Tuesday, June 12** from **9:30 a.m.** to **11:30 a.m.** at the **Dover Public Library**. The forum is open to Main Street personnel and downtown representatives statewide.

"The ongoing deployment of broadband-wireless networks in cities across the country demonstrates the high value placed on universal access to technology for businesses and citizens," said Judy McKinney-Cherry, director of the Delaware Economic Development Office. "Considering the importance of technology and the Internet to the economic growth and health of towns, it's important that our downtown community representatives continue to obtain the latest education about internet service technologies. With our commitment to innovation, DEDO is proud to provide this free forum."

The forum will offer information that will allow attendees to effectively communicate with service providers and make informed decisions about the implementation of the various technologies in their downtowns. The guest speaker will be R. Hartman Roemer, an expert in the field of broadband wireless internet service and the technological and economic benefits of such service to the downtown.

"Internet service is no longer considered just a convenience for downtown economic development," said Diane Laird, Delaware Main Street Program State Coordinator. "It's now a necessity and wireless technology offers towns a service that is now considered to be a basic infrastructure need for citizens, residents, towns and businesses."

Register early. Seating is limited. Contact Diane Laird at 302-672-6834 or by e-mail at Diane.Laird@state.de.us for more information.

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